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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Applicants request review of the final rejection mailed on September 30, 2005 in accordance with the Official Gazette Notice (1296 OG 67) of 12 July 2005 in light of the following Remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 13-16, 27-29, and 36-37 in the Final Office Action of September 30, 2005. Claims 17-26, 30-35, and 38-41 have been indicated as allowed in the Advisory Action of December 12, 2005. The Office objected to claims 10-12 as having allowable subject matter, but being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants cancelled all of the rejected claims 1-9, 13-16, 27-29, and 36-37 in the Amendment of December 30, 2005. In that same amendment, Applicants also amended claims 10-12 as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objections. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections are improper in light of the cancellation of all rejected claims, and that the application should be allowed since Applicants have cancelled all rejected claims and amended claims 10-12 as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the existing claims be allowed and prosecution remain closed, since none of the art of record discloses or suggests the claims.

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